The extent of utilization will be known after close of the financial year. The utilization of Central Assistance is monitored by the Chief Secretary, Govememnt of Uttar Pradesh. Planning Commission has also initiated the system of Quarterly Performance Review meetings in this regard.

Economic Package for Bihar

1013. PROF. RAM DEO BHANDARY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have a proposal or propose the economic package for develpoment and growth of Bihar after its bifurcation;

(b) if so, whether it is likely to be announced; and

(c) if not the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.The High Level Committee on Development and Reforms Facility (Rashtriya Sam Vikas Yojana) in its meeting held on 28th August, 2002, approved in principle the Speical Plan for Bihar which included improvement in availability of electricity in Bihar by strengthening the Sub-transmission system, improving rural connectivity, harnessing of ground water resources, watershed development, horticulture, dairy development, etc.

Transfer of Central Schemes to State for Implementation

1014. SHRI A. VIJAYA RAGHAVAN:
SHRI RAMA MUNI REDDY SIRIGIREDDY:
SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO;

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a special sub-committee of the National Development Council has decided to transfer nine Central Schemes to the States for implementation during the Tenth Five Year Plan;

(b) if so, the details of such schemes;

(c) whether the Centre would monitor the schemes; and

(d) if so, the monitoring mechanism in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING (SHRIMATI VASUNDHARA RAJE): (a) No Sir. There is no speical sub-committee of the National Development Council (NDC) set up with regard to transfer of Central Sector Schemes. However, a committee of the NDC has been set up on the transfer of Centrally Sponsored Schemes under the chairmanship of the Deputy Chairman, Planning Commission with members from both the States and the Centre.The term of the Committee is up to 31 st December, 2002.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Highway tribunals to control National Highways

1015. SHRI PREM CHAND GUPTA: Will the Minister of ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government plan to set up highway administrations and tribunals to exercise better control over the National Highways and bring suitable legislation to Parliament;

(b) whether doubts have been expressed on the ability of such a structure to implement the scheme; and

(c) if so, the details of the case and the feasibility of its implementation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS [MAJOR GENERAL (RETD.) (B.C. KHANDURI)]:(a)Yes,Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.